OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER Northern District of Alabama

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT ASSISTANT FEDERAL DEFENDER - Birmingham Office

The Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Alabama, is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Defender for the Birmingham, AL office. The Federal Public Defender Office provides legal representation and criminal defense services to individuals charged with federal crimes who are financially unable to retain counsel. Assistant Federal Defenders provide direct representation of indigent persons charged with federal crimes in the Northern District of Alabama, on appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and in post-conviction matters brought in federal court.

This is a position for a licensed attorney and requires a minimum of five (5) years experience litigating criminal cases. Applicants should have significant criminal trial experience (preferably federal) and some significant appeals experience, so that they can immediately undertake the defense of criminal cases in the U. S. District Court and in the 11 Circuit Court of Appeals. Applicants must be an active member and in good standing with a State Bar. Furthermore, applicants must possess excellent research, writing and oral advocacy skills, experience in computer-assisted legal research, the ability to understand and manage complex factual and legal issues, a reputation for integrity, and a commitment to the representation of those unable to afford counsel.

Salary is dependent on experience, qualifications, and in accord with AO, ODS and US Courts guidelines. This position is full-time with federal salary and benefits. Employees of the Federal Public Defender are members of the judicial branch of government. They are considered at-will employees and are not covered by the Civil Service Reform Act. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation. Salary payable only by Electronic Funds Transfer.

Please send a cover letter, resume and the names of three references to:
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PLEASE NO TELEPHONE OR EMAIL INQUIRIES
Application Deadline: April 13, 2012

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